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THE POSITIVE CHRISTIAN SINGLES NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1993 ACTIVITIES

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! **1** Monica Bennett **3** Toni Ybarra, David Parks **4** Randy Holcomb **5** Debbie Gatchell **7** Elton Johnson, Dwight Carver **8** John Boswell, James Morefield **11** David Byrd **14** Jewell Mitchell **17** Donna Decker, Arcey Leggett, Janice Hines **20** Susan Rooney, Miccy Hoover **21** Linda Anderson **23** Tim Rogers **24** Sarah Griffin **25** James Bennett **28** Ricky Keen, Angela Winner **30** Jerry Wise. Note: If your March birthday has been omitted, call Idelle Dear by 2/2. We'll print a belated birthday list each month until we have everyone's birthday. **HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY! 2/20** Jim Bragg.

LEADERSHIP

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ACTIVITIES

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PURPOSE

PCS is a network of over 1000 South Georgia and North Florida singles of all ages and ethnic backgrounds who attend one of many different churches or none at all. Our purpose is to provide singles the opportunity to make new friends and to participate in fun, fellowship, and personal growth by our sponsorship of the above activities. All singles--separated, divorced, widowed, or never married--are welcome to attend all activities; just come join us! Children are welcome at most activities. We're a nonprofit, self-supporting organization with no dues which relies on volunteers, contributions, fundraisers, and ads in our monthly newsletter. To get on our newsletter mailing list, call 912-242-3797 or write us.

"I CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE AND ENJOY LIFE, AND HAVE IT IN ABUNDANCE--TO THE FULL, TILL IT OVERFLOWS." (JOHN 10:10) from THE AMPLIFIED NEW TESTAMENT

At last we have warm weather so we can once again enjoy the abundance of outdoor recreation opportunities around us. In the past, a highlight of the week has been **Volleyball** on Tuesday night--especially for those in their 20's, 30's, and 40's. We haven't played this past winter due to the cold and our inability to find an indoor gym we could use so we're certainly hoping everyone will begin showing up again at McKey Park this March so we can again enjoy the terrific fun and fellowship we used to have. Two years ago we typically had 30-50 singles out every Tuesday night.

And...we're adding something new--**walking!** This will be great for those who want exercise but don't wish to play **Tennis** or **Volleyball.** Our "walkers" will meet at the picnic shelter at 6PM where we play volleyball and go either to the track which is conveniently nearby or the adjacent fitness course or the nearby neighborhoods and parks. This is an ideal area for walking and we hope singles of all ages will turn out to enjoy this together. We've already had an initial enthusiastic response from several.

After **Walking,** the walkers can either return to the picnic shelter to socialize with those who are watching the remainder of the volleyball game or can go on to the Wooden Nickel for **Food & Friends.** Another highlight of the week in earlier years has been the gathering of 10-20 singles at a long table at the Wooden Nickel every Tuesday after Volleyball. This was a wonderful time of fellowship and getting to know one another and making new friends. We're going to resume the practice, and, so those who don't typically go to Tennis, Walking, or Volleyball can also know about it to come for the fellowship if they like, we're going to put it on the calendar as a scheduled activity. Now, everyone who would like a mid-week evening fellowship opportunity will know where to find other singles.

Speaking of meeting up with other singles, so far no one has volunteered to chair **Singles Night Out** which generally covers Friday night activities such as bowling, movies, dinner, etc. Therefore, we've had many Friday nights with no designated activities or place to meet with other singles. To remedy this, we've decided to make **Eat or Meet** a weekly activity. In the past, it has been a popular Singles Night Out activity with typically 8 or more singles showing up. Now it will be a regular weekly separate activity which Pat Hesters has volunteered to chair. This will give everyone who wishes to meet up with other singles on Friday night a place to do so. We have selected 20 casual and inexpensive fast food restaurants that we will go to on a rotating basis. They are places where one can feel comfortable just having a soda or bringing children or coming straight from work. One can go to eat or to make further plans for going elsewhere with the singles one finds there. Singles Night Out activities--dancing, bowling, etc.--will continue to be scheduled on the calendar only if someone volunteers to host.

For the past six months we've had requests to have a dance more often. Ever since then, we've tried to work in dancing in Multi-ethnic Singles and fourth weekend Parties. One of our challenges has been to come up with stereo equipment and music each time. We also have this need for the monthly 50-Plus Singles Dance Party. So that we can be assured of having adequate equipment and music when we need it, we're are going to invest in our own system. To raise the money for it, we'll start passing the hat at those activities where a system is needed. Our goal is $400. We will buy a portable combination CD/dual cassette player with speakers and a portable record player to hook into it. It will have enough power to be adequate in a large room like Craig Center or for our outdoor dances. If we spend less than our fundraising goal by finding a quality used system or if someone donates a system, we will use the remainder of the funds to obtain country and modern music; right now we mostly have just 50's-60's, big band, and ballroom tapes and records.

Many thanks to Linda Moore who did so much to get **Multi-ethnic Singles** going; she's had to resign as cochair. If you would like to help out, everywhere you see a blank on the **Leadership** list is a need waiting to be fulfilled.

As you can see on the calendar, we have a full slate of fun, fellowship, and personal growth activities scheduled in March. The biggest of course will be the **50's-60's Dance** which is always lots of fun and lots of singles to meet. We had 89 at the Valentine Dance so if everyone returns and brings a friend and new people come, just think what a party it will be! And do come enjoy the return of warm weather at all our outdoor activities!

With love for you and the abundant life, Idelle

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH AND SPECIAL THANKS TO:

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER Guy Sims, Dottie Long, Pat Hesters, Charlene Ferris, Bobbi Masters, Jimmy Jackson, Don Green, Ralph Murphine, Mary Beth Crawford, and Benny Mitcham got it together in record time like a well-oiled speedy machine; thanks to Shelba Harrington for calling to remind everyone and to Guy Sims who bought us staples, 3 new manual staplers to replace the ones we're wearing out, and 2 new electric staplers to replace the one which kept jamming.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS Betty Brantley, Louelle Barfield, Norm Davis (copies at Exotic Gardens), and Guy Sims who made up the difference ($100) between the money we needed to get this newsletter to you and the money we had, and who bought us 2 boxes of address labels and 3 boxes of typewriter ribbons. Thanks also to our advertisers who are valued supporters.

50-PLUS SINGLES DANCE PARTY Ralph Murphine who always gets the key and helps set up and clean up and Minnie Padgett who always brings homemade goodies. A special thanks to Karen Peek who saved the dance by going home and bringing back her stereo when we accidentally ended up without one and to Grace Hilton who brought some very danceable love songs she'd taped. We missed Mae Pope who was sick. We had 26 and many danced steadily until 11:30PM.

DANCE PLANNING MEETING Dottie Long for hosting and leading; Pat Hesters, Randy Holcomb, Chip Mortimer, and Brad Long for helping come up with a terrific lineup of dances for the next few months.

NASHVILLE TRIP: DINNER & DANCING About 30 came to dinner at Gail Milligan's Old Mill Restaurant. She also invited the Nashville singles who regularly meet there Tuesday night so we actually had about 50 altogether! It was a thrill to make new friends and renew old acquaintances. Thanks Gail for the great food and friendship opportunities!

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP Marilyn Kreisher for sending us more grief recovery materials; we have an excellent collection of helpful handouts for anyone mourning a death.

BIBLE STUDY Benny Mitcham for hosting.

SCRAPBOOK Guy Sims for taking pictures at the Valentine Dance and giving us a scrapbook with them in it.

4TH ANNUAL AMATEUR TALENT NIGHT Gerry Connors for being the emcee; Chestine Everett for bringing goodies; Donnie Lee, Jack Rowe, and Ralph Murphine for setting up; and Gerry Connors,

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Mary Keen, and Donnie Lee for cleaning up. We were somewhat short on entertainers so we appreciate those who rose to the occasion from the audience and performed impromptu in addition to those who were scheduled. We enjoyed Gerry Connors who sang and played the ukelele, Donnie Lee who danced like Michael Jackson, Bridgette Coachman who told riddles, and Fred Roberson, Jack Rowe, and Mary Keen who told jokes.

VALENTINE DANCE Thanks to Dottie Long who led the activities and Michael Jetter, assisted by Lu Williams, who DJ'd, we had a wonderful party! Surprise! It was great having Wendy Hart back again--even in his handicapped condition. The decorations were superb thanks to Marilyn Player, Earl Daniels, and Frankie Wilson. Thanks also Barbara Vann and Guy Sims for helping set up; Marilyn Player and Earl Daniels for assisting Remonda Stephens with the refreshments; Remonda Stephens for the pretty and delicious Valentine cake; Lu Williams for helping clean up; and Earl Daniels for bringing the balloons for the relay. Pictures taken by Guy Sims are now being circulated at activities. Don't miss March's dance!

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO: Mae Pope (912-244-6925) and Wendy Hart (912-244-2149) who are recovering well at home. George Gillespie who is very ill in St. Johns Hospital in Springfield, IL and expects to be there another six months. He appreciates the cards he has received. Please write him at 1800 S. Pasfield St., Springfield, IL 62704 or call him at 1-217-544-6464 Room 380. It could make a big difference in his strength to recover.

SEND SOME CHEER! If you know of anyone who has a special need or of an occasion where a personal touch would be appropriate, please contact the leader of the activity they frequent--until we get a new Care Chair.

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VICTIMS SUPPORT GROUPS For victims of sexual abuse, rape/date rape, and spousal abuse; for families of victims of sexual abuse, rape, or homicide. Free. Professional leaders. Free childcare. Info: Valorie Sherer 912-242-9991.
WIDOWED SUPPORT Call Virginia Hancock 912-242-1883; Joanne Tipps (young with young children) 912-455-2117; Mae Pope (Survivors' Support Group, 6PM, 3rd Tuesdays, informative speakers) 912-244-6925.

RIDES NEEDED TO ACTIVITIES: From Hwy 41S near Dasher, Lake Park near Exit 2, Adel, and Hahira.

WE NEED: Portable combination **CD player/dual cassette player** with speakers and portable **record player** to plug into it. Country and modern **dance music** cassettes, records, or CD's. Someone with a word processor or memory typewriter to retype a bibliography and a guide for our grief recovery videotapes. Leaders for **Singles Night Out, Parties & Outdoor Recreation, Care, Bible Study, Rap Session, Widowed Support Group, Walking,** and **Food & Friends.**

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WELCOME NEW PARTICIPANTS! FITZGERALD Steve Butler (welcome back!) **LAKE PARK** Midge Mitchell (welcome back!) **MADISON** Betty Blair **NASHVILLE** Mary Keen **PERRY** Lorine Williams **VALDOSTA** Diana Hope, Teresa Shaffer, Angie Turner, Betty Brantley, Chestine Everett, Donnie Lee, Bernice Evans, Elouise Pearson, Cheryl Sapp, Hazel Schuebert, Mary Green, & Richard Lane. **POSITIVE CHRISTIAN COUPLES (PCC)** (Those who wish to remain active after marriage.) None this month.

COMMUNITY FOCUS: ALAPAHA Jerry Metts **NASHVILLE** Gerry Connors, Leuna Kent, Gail Milligan, Donna Herrin, Linda Mallory, Chris Bowling, Dwaine Bradford, Latrelle Crosby, James Morefield, Elton Johnson, Burma Robinette, Christine DuBose, Betty Adkins, Robert Kimbrell, Pat Lee, Loretta Cumbus, Damaris Adams, Sue Lindsey, Wendell Connell, Deloris Puckett, Eleanor Gaskins, Jean May, Irene Rutherford, Fred Kelley, John Collett, PCC Paige & Ed Brown, Mary Keen, and Emory Simmons **PEARSON** Linda Corbitt **WILLACOOCHEE** James Gaskins and Mary Lee.

A MOMENT OF REFLECTION BY DR. BILL GOOCH: The word belief and the phrase I believe can be used in two senses. **A.** There is a belief which consists in the assent of the mind that something is true. But the assent need not have any effect on the action of the person involved. For example, I know what they say about smoking is true but I continue to smoke; my belief has not affected my actions. This is belief that rests only in the mind and never expresses itself through the deed. **B.** There is a belief which can only be called total belief. In it a person's whole life and every action are dominated by that which he/she believes. This is a belief which is an act not only of the mind but of the total personality. To take a very simple example, my belief that 2 plus 2 equals 4 dominates every financial transaction I make everyday. **There** is no doubt which is the Christian belief. The Christian belief is not the acceptance with the mind and the intellect of a series of propositions; it is a committal of one's whole life to the conviction that certain things which Jesus taught about God and persons and the world are true. See John 3:15. Bill 912-242-7830

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MARCH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUN **LUNCH** 12:30PM Join us for friendly, lively conversation. Ask cashier where our table is; get table for 8 if you're the first there. **3/7 & 3/14** Holiday Inn, I-75 Exit 5. Traditional Southern buffet. $6.50 ($5.50 with church bulletin). **3/21 & 3/28** China Garden, 2535 N. Ashley St., Valdosta. Buffet. $4.45.
FELLOWSHIP 7PM-9PM Western Sizzlin' Restaurant, 907 N. Ashley St., Valdosta. 25-50 enjoy dinner or just tea & talk!

TUE **TENNIS** 6PM McKey Park, Burton St. off Patterson St., south of Valdosta Jr. HS. Beginners, experts, all ages, all abilities--everyone is welcome! Find our court with the orange towel on the net pole.
WALKING 6PM McKey Park (see Tennis). Meet at picnic shelter by volleyball court to go walking nearby for exercise and fresh air. Contact: Shelba Harrington 912-242-5591; she and several others are planning to go.
VOLLEYBALL 7PM McKey Park (see Tennis). The "in" place for younger singles on Tuesday night! Join us for fun, exercise, excitement, and friendly competition. Novices welcome--we train! Nonplayers socialize in the picnic shelter. Older kids may play; playground for younger ones. Ideal activity for single parents! If it rains, go later to Food & Fun. Volleyball is FUN, FUN, FUN! If you're new, note: It's difficult to make friends during volleyball since regulars are usually engrossed in the game and may be shy; others may also be new. It's also hard in the picnic shelter since many are shy or also new. That's why we have Food & Friends after volleyball. And don't wait for or expect an invitation from these same shy or new singles; just go! Soon you too will be one of the "regulars" and hopefully you will make an effort to reach out to and involve newcomers.
FOOD & FRIENDS 8:30PM Wooden Nickel Pub, 5 Points, Valdosta. Whether or not you were at volleyball, tennis, or walking, join us for dinner or just refreshments, making new friends, and enjoying existing ones. A mid-week treat! Ask cashier where our table is.

WED **DAYTIME SINGLES: BOWLING** 2:15PM Valdosta Lanes, 1405 N. Lee St., Valdosta. Join seniors from Craig Center who bowl weekly. All ages and observers welcome. $2 for 3 games including shoes.

THU **DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP** 7:30PM Oak Terrace Apts. Clubhouse, 1639 E. Park Ave., Valdosta. PARK AWAY FROM APARTMENTS! If you're separated or divorced, our discussions can be helpful. Our overriding aim is healing and personal growth through mutual support and encouragement. A favorite feature: hugs! Monthly speaker meetings are described below.

FRI **EAT OR MEET** 7PM Eat and/or meet other singles to go somewhere together. Ask cashier for our table. **3/5** Substation II, 2910 N. Ashley St. in the Marketplace, Valdosta. **3/12** Captain D's Seafood, 2914 N. Ashley St., Valdosta. **3/19** Family Pizza House, Bemiss Rd. across from Moody AFB. **3/26** Wendy's, 1609 N. Ashley St., Valdosta.

MARCH UNIQUE ACTIVITIES

MEMORY AID: (Usually) **MONDAYS** 1st--Rap Session; 2nd--Bible Study; 3rd--Singles Support Group; 4th--Widowed Support Group **WEDNESDAYS** 1st & 3rd--Daytime Singles Lunch **FRIDAYS** 4th--50-Plus Singles Dance Party **SATURDAYS** 1st--Multi-ethnic Singles; 2nd--Dance; 3rd--Trip; 4th--Parties & Outdoor Recreation; 5th--Longer Trip.

MON 1 **SPIRITUAL ISSUES RAP SESSION: LOVE & HOW TO MAKE IT WORK** 7:30PM Oak Terrace Apts. Clubhouse, 1639 E. Park Ave., Valdosta. PARK AWAY FROM APARTMENTS! What makes one loveable or unloveable? How can I be loved? What should I look at when I'm looking for a mate? According to Dr. Bill Gooch, this is the key spiritual issue of our day and is behind the family values and lifestyles issues. PCS Bill is a retired United Methodist minister, spent 17 years in Order Ecumenical doing international negotiations, intra-staff counseling, and training systems development. He has a BA in Sociology & History from VSC, M.Divinity from Emory Univ., and D. Systematic Theology from N. American College, Italy. His interests include karate (black belt) and male-female relations. A favorite rap session leader!

WED 3 **DAYTIME SINGLES: LUNCH** 12:15PM Covington's, 310 N. Patterson St., Valdosta. Salads, sandwiches, and fancy entrees. Ask for our table. Join us for your lunch hour or a leisurely lunch or tea with your friends.

FRI 5 **SINGLES NIGHT OUT: DANCING** 10PM The New Knights, 4008 Bemiss Rd., Valdosta. Terrific Top 40 bands. Popular with 20's-30's crowd. Find our table downstairs or ask doorkeeper where it is. $3 cover. See ad page 2.

SAT 6 **MULTI-ETHNIC SINGLES: COVERED DISH PARTY** 7PM Pat Hester's home, 2313 Deborah Dr., Valdosta. 912-242-9028. Bring a covered dish to share, games to play, and all your friends! Drinks and paper goods provided for 75¢ per person. Multi-ethnic means Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, Orientals, etc.--all are encouraged to come!

SUN 7 **TRIP PLANNING MEETING** 2:30PM Library, 300 Woodrow Wilson Dr., Valdosta. Conference Room. Would you like to have the trips of your choice on the calendar? Then come to the meeting or call Carolyn Beall beforehand. with your **PARTY QUARTERLY PLANNING MEETING** 8PM Western Sizzlin' Restaurant, 907 N. Ashley St., Valdosta. Bring your ideas and requests for 4th weekend parties and outdoor recreation for April, May, and June.

MON 8 **BIBLE STUDY** 7:30PM Benny Mitcham's office, 1101 Williams St., Valdosta. 912-245-1312. Bring your bibles; we'll have a general sharing of our favorite verses and, if our new study books are in, look them over.

TUE 9 **APRIL NEWSLETTER INPUT DEADLINE** Please submit items by today to enable timely mailing.

SAT 13 **50'S-60'S DANCE** 8PM American Legion Pool Clubhouse, Valdosta. From Hwy 41N, take Inner Perimeter Road east 1 block; turn left onto Country Club Rd.; go 100 yards to barber shop; turn right. Clubhouse phone: 912-245-8536. How's your jitterbugging? Practice. We'll have a contest. Have a poodle skirt, leather jacket, mini skirt, peddle pushers, hippie clothes? Wear them or just dress casually. Bring your requests of your favorite 50's-60's songs. Our guest DJ will also play music to accommodate our country and modern music dancers. We'll celebrate March birthdays and do

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the latest line dances (those who would like to can learn). Come kick up your heels and swing the night away! This is PCS' biggest monthly social with 80-90 attending the last three months. It's a great opportunity to meet new singles from all over North Florida and South Georgia...perhaps that special someone this time! $5.50 admission includes refreshments. FREE CHILDCARE: Trinity Presbyterian Church, corner of Bemiss Rd. & N. Oak St. Extension. **5PM** Come help hang decorations and set up tables, chairs, etc. **NOTE:** Even with a special discount, we will have to pay $150 instead of $100 for a DJ this month (unless something better can be worked out before then.) If so, we will take up contributions to provide the funds for the difference. We believe this is a one-time need.

MON 15 **SINGLES SUPPORT GROUP: RECOGNIZING CODEPENDENCY IN RELATIONSHIPS** 7:30PM Spring Chase Apts. Clubhouse, Norman Dr., ¼ mile south of Red Lobster, I-75 Exit 5. PARK AWAY FROM APARTMENTS! Did you know it could be codependency that may have ruined your past relationships or may be hurting your present ones? Learn to recognize the warning signs, what to do if it's a factor, and where to go for help. Come enjoy learning from Sue Stokes, our local expert and a lively speaker. She leads the Tuesday night ACOA group at Greenleaf Center (a 12-step codependency recovery program), is an avid reader of codependency related books, and has both knowledge and experience in this area.

WED 17 **DAYTIME SINGLES: LUNCH** 12:15PM Publix Deli, Gornto Rd by Valdosta Mall. Our first time eating here; we've heard it's delicious, fast, and inexpensive. Join us for lunch or take a coffee break. Ask cashier for our table.

THU 18 **DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP: DEALING WITH ANGER** 7:30PM Oak Terrace Apts. Clubhouse, 1639 E. Park Ave., Valdosta. PARK AWAY FROM APARTMENTS! As part of our Divorce Recovery Workshop goal setting task, we decided to have a speaker on this topic vs. all other topics in the universe we could have chosen so we know it's important to us. And we're super fortunate that Dr. Wallace DeLoach has agreed to be our speaker. He is a counselor at the Center for Personal & Family Growth and has been a pastoral counselor and marriage and family therapist for many years. He has a MA and M.Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a D.Ministry from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary at the Univ. of Louisville. We gained lots of appreciation for him in 1990 when he did a Rap Session on Suffering and Adversity. With his background, understanding, and compassionate nature, come expecting insight and healing.

SAT 20 **TALLAHASSEE TRIP: MACLAY STATE GARDENS** 9AM Carpool from Arby's end of Bud's parking lot at I-75 Exit 5 or we'll meet you inside park entrance gate at 11AM if you notify Carolyn Beall (mornings only) in advance. Bring a picnic lunch, comfortable shoes, and a swimsuit if you like. We'll be touring these ornamental gardens during their peak blooming season. The park also offers swimming, boating, and nature study and is located 5½ miles north of Tallahassee, ½ mile north of I-10 on US 319. Admission: $2/driver; $1/passenger. We'll depart at 5PM. Optional: Dinner in Tallahassee before return. We've invited Tallahassee singles groups to join us and we're awaiting their RSVP. This should be a wonderful spring outing for all ages and nature lovers. No reservations required; we expect a group to go.

MON 22 **WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP** 7:30PM Library, 300 Woodrow Wilson Dr., Valdosta. Meeting Room. Make new friends who will understand your loss, support you in your healing, and encourage you in your transition to single life.

FRI 26 **50-PLUS SINGLES DANCE PARTY** 8PM Craig Center, 1104 W. Gordon St., Valdosta. From N. Patterson St., go west on Gordon about 1.2 miles; Craig Center is on right just before reaching Melody Lane. Enjoy dancing to country, ballroom, big band, 50's-60's, modern dance favorites, and perhaps a simple square dance or two. We welcome your bringing your own favorite tapes or albums for us to play. Nondancers can socialize or learn to dance--we teach! Bring all your friends (especially men so we can keep the odds pretty good like they've been). Make new friends; enjoy warm fellowship, fun, and HUGS! Join those who look forward to coming monthly! Dressy casual. $2 admission includes drinks. Optional: Bring your most bragged about homemade snacks. **7PM** Please come help us set up.

SAT 27 **VOLLEYBALL & SPRING DANCE** 6PM McKey Park (see Tuesday Volleyball). We'll start with volleyball; kickball anyone? At 8PM we'll have dancing on the bandstand under the trees and stars. Drinks provided for 50¢ per person. Bring snacks and music. For the hungry, feel free to bring or make dinner. Not athletic? Relax and listen.

SUN 28 **APRIL NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY** 2:30PM Library, 300 Woodrow Wilson Dr., Valdosta. Meeting Room. Help the Divorce Support Group volunteers put together your newsletter while you enjoy getting to know other singles! It's like a party!

WED 31 **DAYTIME SINGLES: LUNCH** 12:15PM Louie's Restaurant, St. Augustine Rd., I-75 Exit 5. New buffet. Many entrees, salad bar, and dessert. $3.95. Fine lunch; good treat!

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

3	Multi-ethnic Singles Party
10	Bunny Hop Dance
17	Perry: Mossy Creek Barnyard Festival
23	50-Plus Singles Dance Party
24	River Party & Campout

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

1	Multi-ethnic Singles Party
8	Spring Fling Dance
15	Providence Canyon State Park
28	50-Plus Singles Dance Party
22	Picnic
29	Panama City Beach

CHURCH SINGLES ACTIVITIES: New Singles Sunday School Class At First Christian Church, Valdosta. Taught by Assoc. Pastor, Rev. Robert Morgan (25, single, excellent teacher). 912-244-1742. **Valdosta Areawide Christian Singles** Monthly covered dish supper and devotional program, Saturday, 3/6, 7PM, Corinth Baptist Church, Lake Park. Mildred Starling, 912-241-1263. **OTHER SINGLES ACTIVITIES: Nashville Singles** Meet every Tuesday night at Gail Milligan's Old Mill Rest., 912-686-7049, for games and dancing.

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